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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2004, rejecting all the pending claims. The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is attached. If necessary, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to debit Deposit Account no. 50-1129 for the Appeal fee and/or for any fee variance in the amount required and that submitted.

A Request for Extension of Time is attached. If any other fees, requests, or petitions, including fees for adding new claims, are necessary to enter and consider this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1129 for any fees. If, however, any petitions or extensions of time are required or any fees are due in order to enter or consider this paper or enter or consider any paper accompanying this

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paper, including fees for net addition of claims, or in order to keep this application pending, applicants hereby request any extensions or petitions necessary.

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